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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH WILSON FERREIRA

REFS: A) MVD 4087; B) STATE 295966

1. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TELEGRAPHICALLY HOW DEPARTMENT OFFICERS RESPONDED TO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY WILSON FERREIRA DECEMBER 12 AS TO U.S. ROLE HERE (REFTEL B, PARA 1B).

2. WHAT FERREIRA PRESENTED AS STATEMENTS OF FACT OR GENERAL BELIEF ARE, IN FACT, RUMORS GENERATED OR RETREADED FREQUENTLY BY FERREIRA AND HIS FOLLOWERS AMONG OTHERS. FOR EXAMPLE, WILSON FERREIRA'S SUPPORTERS WERE AMONG THOSE PERPETRATING RUMORS THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD PERSONALLY INTERVENED TO SECURE THE BORDABERRY REGIME DURING THE POLITICAL CRISIS OF LAST MAY. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY AND THAT THE EMBASSY OTHERWISE TOOK NO POSITION OR ACTION WHATSOEVER IN REGARD TO THIS CRISIS. AS FOR THE MAGNITUDE OF "US ASSISTANCE" BEING GREATER THAN THAT ACCORDED "ALL PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC REGIMES," WE ASSUME DEPT. OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO CORRECT HIS GROSS MISIMPRESSION, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE IMPACT OF RECENTLY SIGNED MODEST AID LOANS HAS NOT IN ANY WAY BEGUN TO BE FELT.

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